Compliance Is the First Step on the Safety Ladder

Understanding the final walking-working surface rule from OSHA and how Honeywell ladder solutions keep you protected
OSHA Walking-Working Surface Rule Overview

Falls from heights and working surfaces rank among the main causes of serious work-related injuries and deaths. OSHA estimates that, on average, over 200,000 serious (lost-workday) injuries and 345 fatalities occur annually among workers directly affected by the final standard.

OSHA’s final rule on Walking-Working Surfaces (WSS) and Personal Fall Protection Systems better protects workers in general industry from these hazards by updating and clarifying standards and adding training and inspection requirements. The rule incorporates advances in technology, industry best practices, and national consensus standards to provide effective and cost-efficient worker protection.

The rule benefits employers by providing greater flexibility in choosing a fall protection system. OSHA estimates that the rule will prevent 29 fatalities and 5,842 lost-workday injuries every year.

NEW LADDER SAFETY STANDARDS SET

The new rule brought forward by OSHA sets out a requirement for employers to have ladder safety or personal fall-arrest systems for fixed ladders that extend more than 24 feet. It phases out the use of cages or wells for fall protection, and everything is to be implemented under a very precise timeline.

NOVEMBER 19, 2018: All fixed ladders over 24 feet high must be equipped with a personal fall arrest system

Each fixed ladder that is over 24 feet high and is installed on and after November 19, 2018, must be equipped with a personal fall arrest system or a ladder safety. Existing fixed ladders installed prior to this date that use cages or wells will be required to incorporate ladder safety systems or personal fall arrest systems by 2036.
SAFETY AT THE TOP OF THE LADDER

Ladders are available in a variety of shapes, sizes and materials, and are a useful tool in many industries and for a large variety of applications. Construction, Oil and Gas, Outdoor Advertising, Utilities, General Industry, or Welding are relevant examples of such working environments where fixed ladders are a prerequisite for workers to get their job done safely and efficiently.

For companies whose employees need to climb fixed ladders at work, Honeywell Miller® ladder safety solutions are designed to fit the unique requirements of each job site. This keeps workers safe and enables them to quickly and easily perform their tasks. Our ladder climbing systems combine cable and rail pre-configured kits along with customizable solutions, accessories, and options designed to fit virtually any environment. This enables companies to provide consistent, safe climbing throughout their entire facility.

LADDER SAFETY SYSTEM:
A system attached to a fixed ladder designed to eliminate or reduce the possibility of a worker falling off the ladder. A ladder safety system usually consists of a carrier, safety sleeve, lanyard, connectors and body harness. Cages and wells are not considered ladder safety systems.

PERSONAL FALL ARREST SYSTEM:
A system that arrests/stops a fall before the worker contacts a lower level. Consists of a body harness, anchorage, and connector.
MILLER GLIDELOC®

The easy-to-climb GlideLoc System offers hands-free fall protection that increases worker mobility, safety, and productivity. GlideLoc Vertical Height Access Ladder System Kits provide an innovative solution for vertical climbing that is easy-to-use, requires minimal maintenance, and provides superior safety. The smooth, quiet trailing action along the rail provides an easier, more comfortable climb and the automatic design keeps both hands free for climbing, increasing mobility and efficiency. Also, the integrated shock-absorbing mechanism reduces force on the worker and system in the event of a fall.

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MILLER VI-GO™

The Vi-Go ladder climbing systems provide the ultimate in safety with continuous fall protection when climbing fixed ladders, available with automatic or manual personal fall arrestor cable sleeves. Both cable sleeves are designed to follow the user along the lifeline while ascending or descending, instantly locking in the event of a fall. Vi-Go accommodates up to four workers at a time, increasing overall productivity. Vi-Go's automatic pass though brackets allow the climber to keep both hands on the ladder at all times, increasing their personal safety.

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MILLER SAF-T-CLIMB™

The Saf-T-Climb System provides total ladder climbing safety for workers on any site – above or below ground, straight or curved. The round rail of the Saf-T-Climb™ makes dismounting easy and safe, with a removable extension for up or down climbs through a hatch, and permanent dismounts.

Installation of a Saf-T-Climb fall prevention system means instant compliance with OSHA climbing safety regulations. Any slip or fall is stopped by the locking action of the Saf-T-Grip Shuttle.

Learn More: hwll.co/SafTClimb

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